

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

Chairman Powell,

We can clearly see the effect the media has had on the elections and other important news coverage. Thoughtful, analytical, or even factual representation has been tossed to the side in favor of a circus-like atmosphere. People who are actively searching for news or updates are forced to filter through talk shows that try to present themselves as representative. Please, don't let media conglomerates make it even harder to find journalism with integrity, let alone a single channel that isn't a swamp of "reality" shows. Allow the media to remain free and uncontrolled by personal or governmental interests. It's your mandate.